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**PATENT** 

In re Application of:

Yasuo Kida, et al.

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents

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## RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Please consider this response to the PTO Notice to File Missing parts of Application (Filing Date Granted) mailed October 29, 2001, concerning substitute drawings.

In the Notice, Applicant was requested to submit substitute drawings which used English characters only, rather than other characters such as Japanese characters. The original drawings do show Japanese characters, where appropriate. The reason for this is simple: one exemplary embodiment of the invention involves the processing of Japanese characters (and NOT English characters) and, in fact, in this one exemplary embodiment, it would not make sense to use English characters in the drawings to illustrate this embodiment. In other words, it is not appropriate to use English characters in the drawings to explain this one exemplary embodiment. Thus, Applicant submits that substitute drawings showing only English characters should NOT be required.

Applicant further submits that the PTO could consider the Japanese characters, on the drawings, as graphical images which can appear, in one embodiment, on a computer's display screen. On that basis, the characters should be as acceptable as other graphical images, shown on a display screen, are considered acceptable.

Should the foregoing not be considered an acceptable response, then Applicant hereby petitions, under 37 C.F.R. §1.182, that the rules be waived in this instance in view of the facts of this application. Please contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300 if it is deemed that a phone conference could resolve this matter.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 should a petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 be required. A duplicate of this Response is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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